

WHAT TO PACK

(And other stuff)

Some people stress over what to pack, but really you don't have to. Just try to make it simple by imagining what you might wear during the course of the week at a nice resort. Take into consideration that much of the cruise will be spent in the tropics. If you tend to agonize over things like this, just make a check list or follow ours, modified to your own personal needs, of course.

With the exception of the cooler first and last day, or so, daytime attire will include such things as shorts, t-shirts, bathing suits, sneakers and thongs (for your feet, silly!) or sandals.

PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

Don't feel that you have to go out and buy "cruisewear". Evening is really the only time that you actually have to dress up. Following is the evening dress code for our cruise:

2-Formal Evenings - Tuxedo or suit for gentlemen.

Gown or cocktail dress for ladies.

(Our opinion: *Don't feel that you need to wear a tux or gown, most do **not**.*)

Casual Evenings - Collared shirt & slacks for gentlemen.

Dress, skirt or pantsuit for ladies. Recently new jeans seem acceptable. Just dress like you're going to a nice restaurant.

(Our opinion: *Casual does **not** mean shorts!*)

PACKING REMINDERS!

What you pack involves a lot of personal choice, but here are some specifics that we hope will help.

Rule #1: **DON'T OVERPACK!!!** Royal Caribbean Cruise Line restricts the amount of your luggage to 200lbs. But trust us you don't want to lug all that stuff around, only to find that there's not enough storage room in your stateroom for it all.

Here are some tips for when you have your suitcases open and you're finding that the kitchen sink isn't quite fitting:

1. PACK YOUR CLOTHES IN BAGS THAT ARE TOUGH (You don't want your chonies spread out on a tarmac somewhere, do you?)
2. REMEMBER THAT YOU'LL NEED ROOM FOR STUFF THAT YOU BUY (You know, the same stuff that you'll be selling at next springs garage sale)
3. PACK PERMANENT PRESS (This way you're not all wrinkly)
4. THE SHIP HAS LAUNDRY SERVICE (For a fee)
5. BRING ONE OR TWO BASIC COLORS (Mix and match. For ex: A black skirt with a black blouse that also matches with black slacks)
6. MIND THE CLIMATE (Warm and humid, sometimes hot and sweaty)
7. BRING A BACKPACK OR FANNY SACK FOR SHORE EXCURSIONS (You'll need an extra hand to shoo away bugs and vendors...just kidding, you'll need both hands)
8. BRING A CARRY-ON FOR IMPORTANT ITEMS (Like tickets, documents, medications, etc.)
9. DON'T PACK TOWELS
10. This ship provides hair dryers.

You can use the following check-list as a guide.

WOMEN

• 1OR 2-Bathing suits	• Accessories	• Undies and socks
• Cover-up	• Light sweater or jacket	• Gym clothes (If you're gonna exercise)
• 2 or 3-Pairs shorts	• Pajamas	• Sun hat
• 4-Tops (T-shirts OK)	• Nice sandals (with your dress)	• Sunscreen/sunglasses
• 2- Sundresses, casual skirts, or pant outfits	• Water shoes/sandals that can get wet for beach wear	• Camera/Film
• 1or 2-Formal outfits	• Shoes (dress and walking)	• Reading material
• 2 or 3-Nice but less formal dresses or outfits	• Extra nylons	• Toiletries/cosmetics

MEN

• 1-2-Bathing suits	• Sandals / water shoes	• Undies/socks
• 2 or 3-Pairs shorts	• Suit or tux (incl: shirts, ties, accessories.)	• Hat
• 4-Polo-style shirts (T-shirts OK)	• Sports coat	• Sunscreen
• 2 - Pair lightweight slack (1-jeans OK)	• 2 or 3 pair dress slacks	• Sunglasses
• Walking shoes	• Light suit	• Reading material
• Gym clothes (If you're gonna exercise)	• Dress shoes	• Toiletries
• Pajamas	• 3-dress shirts	• Camera/flim

WHAT TO CARRY IN YOUR CARRY-ON

Remember, the following items should go in your hand held luggage: prescription medicines, passport or other I.D., cruise documents, credit cards, money, traveler checks, keys. It is also advisable to hand-carry any valuables, including jewelry, binoculars, cameras, and video equipment. You may also wish to pack a change of clothes, your eyeglasses, some reading material.

A LAST-MINUTE CHECKLIST

- Have the post office hold your mail or have a friend take it in for you.
- Stop you newspaper delivery or have someone take it in for you.
- Photocopy your passport or I.D. , airline tickets, and any credit cards you plan to take, and either pack these in a separate place from the actual documents or leave them with someone.
- If you are going to carry traveler's checks, remember to keep a separate record of the numbers in case you lose them.
- Make photocopies of the itinerary to leave with someone.
- Put a card with your name and address inside your luggage in case the tags get torn off.
- Leave the ship's phone number with someone, just in case of emergency.
- Lastly, read the brochure (especially pages 94-101) and the material provided by the cruise line with your tickets for suggestions that might not be included here.

Things *not* to pack

Towels—the ship provides towels. If you need a beach towel just take one from the pool deck, please make sure you do not leave it in port.